

-- AGENDA --

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY AT WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N. FOURTH ST. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE: All guests and parties in attendance are asked to sign in if they will be making any comments during meetings, so that the City Clerk may properly record your name in the minutes. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes in length while matters from the floor are limited to 10 minutes, unless you have signed in and requested additional speaking time, and that the request is then approved by either the Mayor or a majority vote of Council. All in attendance are asked to silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. Accommodations are available upon request to those who require alternately formatted materials or auxiliary aids to ensure effective communication and access to City meetings or hearings. All request for accommodations should be made with as much advance notice as possible, typically at least 10 business days in advance by contacting City Clerk Amanda Stang at (989) 345-0500. [DISCLAIMER: Views or opinions expressed by City Council Members or employees during meetings are those of the individuals speaking and do not represent the views or opinions of the City Council or the City as a whole.] [NOTICE: Audio and/or video may be recorded at public meetings of the City Council.]

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Additions to the agenda
- V. Public comment on agenda items only (limited to 3 minutes)
- VI. New business
 - A. Resolution 21-21
- VII. Reports and/or comments
 - A. Mayor
 - B. Council
 - C. Manager
- VIII. Public comment any topic
- IX. Adjournment

In response to the COVID -19 pandemic, City Council meetings will be held in person but still broadcasted virtually. Unvaccinated members of the public may attend with social distancing and facemask requirements. Vaccinated members may attend in person without masks restrictions as per the latest State update.

MEETING NOTICE

To comply with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.265):

The City of West Branch, 121 N. Fourth St. West Branch, MI 48661; phone: (989) 345-0500; email: cityhall@westbranch.com

Internet where meeting notices are posted: www.westbranch.com (click on "CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND NOTICE OF MEETINGS" or go directly to <http://www.westbranch.com/calendar.php>)

Notice of a City Council Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of West Branch, City Council will hold a special meeting to address the addition of Ogemaw County to the Rifle River Outlet Drain Drainage District.

DATE: Tuesday August 24, 2021

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: City Hall Council Chambers

121 N. Fourth St.

West Branch, MI 48661

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This notice was posted by City Clerk, Amanda Stang, to comply with Sections 4 and 5 of Michigan Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.265) at 3:30 pm on August 23, 2021 on the City of West Branch bulletin board, as well as on the City of West Branch website.

I, Amanda Stang, certify that the foregoing notice has been posted as specified above in accordance with the Michigan Public Act (MCL 15.265) as amended.

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE ADDITION OF OGEMAW COUNTY TO THE RIFLE RIVER OUTLET DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-21

WHEREAS, the Rifle River Outlet Drain Drainage District, established in 1917, currently consists of lands located solely within Arenac County, and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 102 of the Drain Code of 1956, being MCL 128.102, the Rifle River Outlet Drain Drainage Board will meet on August 30, 2021 to consider a proposal that would extend the Drainage District into Ogemaw County, and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension of the Drainage District would substantially increase the physical size of the current Drainage District, with Ogemaw County properties comprising roughly two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the new Drainage District area, and

WHEREAS, the Rifle River Watershed is a natural watershed and the residents of Ogemaw County have not altered the course of the waterway, and

WHEREAS, the elected Ogemaw County Drain Commissioner was disqualified from participation in the determination of practicability of an extension to the Drainage District (MCL 280.103(2)), and

WHEREAS, a special commissioner was appointed to serve as a member of the Drainage Board in place of the elected Ogemaw County Drain Commissioner to determine practicability of an extension to the Drainage District, and

WHEREAS, any municipality affected by the proposed extension of the Drainage District may appear at the Drainage Board meeting to speak for or against the proposal, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West Branch City Council hereby records its official opposition to the proposed expansion of the Rifle River Outlet Drain Drainage District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council respectfully requests that this resolution be included in the official Drainage Board meeting record for August 30, 2021, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Council urges the Rifle River Outlet Drain Drainage Board determine that the drainage of the proposed drain area is not practicable, just, or equitable.

The City of West Branch is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: City Council Special Meeting

Time: Aug 24, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89625070467?pwd=WVB5OWpNbU9ZQVJzeEIVMzk4SGVVZz09>

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